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46 Greene St.
Syracuse N. Y.
February 20th 1879

Mr. Davenport

Will you please examine
these specimens and see if you
think they can possibly be
Cheilanthes elegans.

They were sent home from California
without being named
by a friend who knows little
or nothing of ferns or botany.

Mrs. Rust and I have com-
pared them with *C. microphylla*
and they certainly differ in
having the pinnules stalked.

Will you please return one
the specimens with your
opinions - and I beg

Truly
Yours
Chas. D. Fairbanks

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,

DIVISION OF FORESTRY,

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Personal;

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Nov 24. 1897

Geo E. Davenport Esq.

Medford, Mass 67 Valley St.

Dear Sir:-

I have a number of ferns which I collected during a trip through Australia, New Zealand, & the South Sea Islands and want to have named or at least to have the genera determined. They are largely scraps, not complete plants and some will undoubtedly be hardly identifiable as they were collected for decorative purposes for a friend of my travelling companion.

Mr Coville has given me your name & tells me you might be able to help me in the identification of these ferns.

Would you allow me to send them to you & will you please let me know under what circumstances

you would name them?

Hoping to hear from you in
the matter shortly I remain

Very truly Yours—

D. G. Fairchild.

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Mar 19-98.

1836 California Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C.

Geo. S. Davenport Esq.

67 Valley St.

Medford, Mass.

~~Blechnum hastatum~~

Dear Sir:-

In accordance to an agreement which we have already made I believe I send you by express the package of Ferns most of which were collected either in New Zealand or Hawaii, a few on the Fiji Islands. As I said before, many are fragments & not identifiable probably. If you would return them at your earliest convenience I would be greatly obliged.

Very truly yours

D. G. Fairchild.

Return June 15/98

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COSMOS CLUB,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Sir:—

I have your note of
June 14th before me. I
thank you heartily for the
pains you have taken in
naming the ferns sent you.
I fail to find in your letter
a bill for the work you have
done. Please honor me
with a statement for I feel
the matter is quite irregular
without some arrangement
of this kind. The Express box
I presume will appear
tomorrow.

Thanking you for your
kindness & awaiting your
response I remain
Very truly yours—
D. S. Fairchild.

Cambridge
May 19.

Dear Sir,

Do you happen
to have a specimen
of the Caecoma cheilanthus
named by Peck found
as a specimen of
C. Pringlei which
you sent him?

If so could you
kindly let me have
a piece for microscopic
examination? Yours, truly,
W. C. Farlow.

Cambridge, Dec. 3^d.

Dear Sir,

Will ~~you~~ kindly inform me at what hour the lecture on Wednesday begins and also how long it takes to drive from Harvard Square to Malden? I have a lecture at Cambridge in the afternoon and if possible shall dine in Cambridge and drive over to the lecture, if there is time to do so. If not, I shall take the train from Boston. When do the trains leave and return?

I will send by express on

Tuesday some diagrams
which can easily be hung
up. Mr. Collins has consented
to look after them and I will
send him word about the placing
them in position. I presume that
there will be a small table on
the platform on which I
can place a few glasses if
necessary.

Yours, respectfully,
W. G. Harlow.

+ Caulhuder
 July 9,
 1898.

My dear Mr. Davenport,
 I am marching
 away as fast as
 I can to get our
 cryptogamic show
 cases ready before
 the meeting of the
 am. ass. The algae
 are nearly done and
 I am next going
 on to the fungi.
 I am troubled
 about the higher

cryptogams because
I have so little time
not expecting to have
to get things ready
in such a hurry.

To my regret, I
feel that I have
few duplicates of
ferns and lichens
and I may perhaps
be obliged to ask
you whether you
could help me
out at the last
minutes.

at best my apren

sentation of the higher
crypto will be inade-
quate for it takes
a good while to
arrange things
properly. I should
regret however,
having to omit
that group until
we have a new
case for them. Even
crowded into our
present cases is
better than nothing,

Yours, truly,
W. G. Farlow

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Cambridge

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July 12,

Dear Mr. Davenport,

My cases are now in such condition that I know just what I have and have not got. I find that it will be impossible to exhibit ferns proper until our new wall case comes which will not be until autumn and I

have done-tailed the
higher crypts, into
the case with Musciv-
cae.

Although I have
had many good
specimens of *Marsilea*
there are all gone.
Have you a
duplicate of *Marsilea*
from this region which
you could let me
have? I should
also be very glad
to get a specimen
of some *Pilularia*

and some *Equisetum*.
My *Lycoactium* -
is good enough but,
not exactly "Oh My!"
specimens and I fear
that there is no room
for *Yelaginella* until
we get our other
case.

If you could
let me have a
specimen of *Marsilea*
and *Pilularia* I
should be greatly
obliged.

In haste,
W. G. Forster.

Nippon. Crypt. since
they can be more
easily done than the
rest. I have finished
algae, lichens and
all but finished
mosses and hepatics.
This week I must
make on fungi.

I will write again

In haste,

W. E. Harlow

Cambridge
July 18.

My dear Mr. Davenport,

I am greatly
obliged to you for
your offer to assist
me in filling out
an exhibition case.

What I wanted
was good show
specimens of types
of groups above mosses.
I find that my duplicates
are not so good as
they might be. A/
Psilotum & Mnemiopsis

I have specimens such
as they are and I presume
that it will not be
easy to get duplicates
of those genera at once.
My Equisetum might
be much improved
and even my Selaginella
is not very much
to show.

Specimens of Pilularia
never shown well in
cases. I used to have
splendid Isoetes
Engelmannii but it
has disappeared.
Of ferns proper I
can only show a very

few specimens now
and I shall have to
wait until we have
another case made
before I can have any
adequate exhibits
of the higher Crypt.
Litt. I ought to
show something
now to indicate that
I have no intention
giving the group the
cold shoulder.

Probably I shall
have to wait until
August 1st before
I complete the

Cambridge

Aug. 15,
1899.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

When at
Carcassonne, France, about a
month ago I found the
enclosed fern growing
in the crack of a stone
wall, not a New England
stone fence but a regular
plastered wall six feet
or more high. The spot
was not more than half
a mile from the sea and,
when I gathered the
fern, I supposed that
it was Asplenium

marinum. On examination,
however, it seems to be
nearer Asp. Adiantum-nigrum
but not just the same
we have in the herbarium.
In fact, it almost looks
as if it were a cross between
those two species but that
is very improbable. I should
be much obliged to you
if you would be so
kind as to let me know
your opinion on the
species.

Yours, truly,
W. E. H. Adams

Dear Mr Davenport

I have examined the two *Nephrolepis* this evening. I find the differences you pointed out, and think very ^{likely} there are two species on my herbarium sheet. But I am glad to find no mixing up on the plate I drew. The scale on the plate belongs to *Poly podium Plumula*. I have carefully examined my drawing, and find that it wholly agrees with the true *N. exaltata*. ~~in~~ The shape and separation from each other of the pinnæ and their not overlapping the rachis - the more marginal position of the sori - the

shape of the magnificent
indusium - in short all
the characters appear to
me to be accurately repre-
sented although as I said
the general effect of the
drawing does not suit
me there not being variety
enough and irregularly
enough ~~in~~, no cockled
look about the pinnæ etc.

But I think from my
examination this evening
that if I were to redraw
it with the same limita-
tion as to size etc. I should
not alter the scientific
characters - that is I
should not know where
to begin to alter. In short
I don't think there is any mix-
ing of the two species on the
plate, and I am very glad
of it.

As for the other species I hope
you will get some more light
on it, but I think as you do that
it is not best to furnish much on
these two specimens only. C. E. Haw

Dear Mr. Davenport

I send by express the drawing
and specimens of the fern -

If the Gazette is to pay for the
drawing my charge will be \$6.00,
but if Mr. Bingle or yourself
shoulder the matter, I shall make
no charge - Let me know how
it stands -

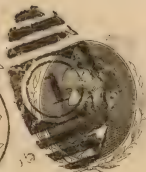
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Yours
C. E. Faxon

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Geo. E. Davenport Esq -
Hamilton Place,
Boston,
Mass.

Brookline, Mass., July 21 1887

Dear Mr. Tavenport

I was in to
see you yesterday but did
not find you -

If you have found a
copy of "Botrychium simplex"
will you please mail it
to Mrs. A. T. Slosser,

38 East 23^d St.,

New York
N.Y.

and let me know the price
and postage.

If you will kindly do

this it will save my
running into Boston for
the purpose only -

Please drop me a card
about it -

Edwin is away now
and I am very busy
here -

Hope you are well
and enjoying yourself -

Sincerely yours
C. E. Faxon

Jamaica Plain, Mass. Feb. 25 1896.

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I shall be happy to make the drawing you mention. If you will send me the material and your description I will go to work on it at once.

You must state how the drawing is to be reproduced for the plate so that I may know what method of drawing to adopt.

Yours sincerely
C. E. Faxon

ARNOLD ARBORETUM.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

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Jamaica Plain, Mass., Apr. 13 1896

Dear Mr. Lavenport,

Your are welcome
to this sketch unless the Gazette
is willing to pay something. I am quite
sure they will not do this. It
is not their habit -

Yours truly
C. E. Parson

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ARNOLD ARBORETUM,
HARVARD UNIVERSITY.



Jamaica Plain,

Apr. 10 1901

Dear Mr. Davenport,

Can you give
me the name of this
fern brought from
Nassau, N. P. A lady
of my acquaintance is
very anxious to learn
what it is.

Yrs. Truly
C. C. Faxon

*Daniellia - possibly a hostia
terminata? Swz.*

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GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

July 21, 1896.

My dear Mr. Davenport:

What do you think
of the New England Fern list which
is being prepared by Reynal
Dodge of Newburyport. He is
anxious to get hold of my
Prairie stations, most of which
are as yet unpublished, &
I am a little puzzled to know
what to say.

If the list is to be a really
good thing, carefully done &c. I
would just as soon send him some

Notes - But I don't know
anything about the man or his
book -

A word of advice will be
greatly appreciated.

Cordially yours
Herbert Lyndon Fernald.

Geo. E. Danversport, Esq.

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GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Aug. 6, 1896.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

Thank you for your
letter of advice in regard to Mr. Dodge.
I have sent him a few notes on the
causes of Maine Ferns.

I am not surprised at your verdict
upon his Diates. He sent in some
specimens a day or two ago with directions
as to the preparation for the Herb.

I don't know what we are going to do;
The Populist element seems to be increasing
every day among our Botanists! And
New Hampshire and Vermont certainly
furnish their share.

I start tomorrow night for seven weeks
in Maine. The first exploring trip
leaves North Andover Tuesday morning when
a party of five of us - four botanists

including J. Franklin Collins of Providence
and Prof W. C. Strong of Bates College -
will go for ten days through the Dead River
Country. Our objective point is
Mt. Bigelow 3800 ft. high & 10 miles long.
The northern and eastern faces are wet cliffs,
so we shall be on the lookout for Hoodnia
Asplenium and Telaemella.

I hope I may have some good things for you
in the fall. I send you a very
carelessly printed reprint from the recent
report, 1895-96 of the Maine Pomological
Society. I hope the information and
suggestions in it may appeal to a few
Maine gardeners.

Sincerely yours

Herbert Lyndon Fernald.

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GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Oct. 16, 1896.

Dear Mr. Davenport:

The Aspidium
cristatum x *marginale* which I
found a year ago was at
Dover, Maine.

The plant was among *cristatum*
in a low pasture lying directly
under a wooded hill where
A. marginale abounded -

Sincerely yours

Merritt L. Fernald.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Jan 26. 1898
Dear Mr. Davenport:

Can you not be ready to speak for a few minutes at the next Botanical Club meeting a week from Friday evening?

A number of members have suggested that they would like to hear about Mrs. Britton's revision of *Ophioglossum*, but if you do not care to speak upon that perhaps you will be ready with some other subject.

Kindly let me know if we may count upon you as I wish to be sure to have enough papers provided to make a good meeting.

Sincerely yours

Herbert L. Trevelick
for the Programme Committee

NEW ENGLAND BOTANICAL CLUB

58 Hastings Hall,
Cambridge, March 28, 1898.

Dear Mr. Osceupport,

I trust that you are planning to read us your discussion of the Oplisoglossum question next Friday evening. I have been counting upon you, but it has occurred to me that you may not have planned to read it at this meeting. Mr. Peabody will have a short contribution if he is able to be present, and the Committee on a Club publication will make a report which I trust will call out a spirited discussion. There in addition to your interesting discussion ought to make a good programme.

Sincerely yours

Herbert L. Fernald

for the Comm. on Reviews.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

March 27. 1899

Dear Mr. Davenport:

I wonder if you
have any spare duplicates of
Aspidium cristatum & mayniace.

If you can spare one I should
like very much to get a friend for
a correspondent, and I shall be
glad if you will send it to me
Charles collector.

Sincerely yours
Nesbit L. Fernald.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

(Orono, Me.)

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Sept. 21, 1900

Dear Mr. Davenport.

We shall be very glad
of you two papers for Rhodora. I think
it possible, though I can't say until
I return to Cambridge next week, that
we may work the short note into
the October number. The other is
too long to go in that number which
is now in press.

Very truly yours

Herbert L. Fernald.

Is the var. Cristata here published
for the first time under Dicksonii?
If so we wish to indicate it in the type.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

Sept 29, 1900

Dear Mr. Davenport -

Thank you for your
note in regard to the var. cinetata.

I am very sorry to hear that you have
had trouble with your eyes, but am
glad that they are now better.

The Committee planned to have
the first meeting of the Club an
"Experience meeting", and we have
fixed the time limit for each speaker
at 3 minutes. Thus each one - as
some will speak more briefly - ought
to have a chance to tell briefly what he
has done in a botanical way this summer.
If there is time after these short statements,
I hope you will tell us about the Dryopteris
discussion. Otherwise perhaps you will

Keep the discussion for the November
meeting.

Sincerely yours

Herbert R. Edwards

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

April 10, 1901.

Dear Mr. Davenport -

Mildenhall does not cite Schtuhria
in his Dictesonia pubescens in
his Mann. Pl. Berl. Gard. but
it is cited by him in his
Sp. Pl. (1810). The exact date
of D. pubescens is very difficult
to ascertain. The title-page of
Scht. says 1809, but the
the earlier parts of his work
are cited in Swartz's Synops -
(1806) and that as well as
other evidence shows that
Schtuhria's work was issued in

Starts beginning with 1806^{4 or 5 perhaps}
as Dr. wrote, in 1808 -
and ending in 1809. The

description of Dicksonia
occurs in a section of the
rock suggesting that it was
possibly really issued early
in 1808, but after an entire
forenoon's hunt this day
I have been unable to settle
the date with anything like
confidence -

Sincerely yours,
Thos L. Fernald.

GRAY HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY,

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BOTANIC GARDEN, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.,

May 17, 1905

Dear Mr. Danenport:

This communication from the Metropolitan Park Commission was addressed to Dr. Robinson, but he is in Europe, and since the signatures of all of us at the Gray Herbarium were given through confidence in the statements of yourself and R. T. Jackson, I think it should be placed in your hands, for you have the actual data at hand which is necessary for a reply.

Sincerely yours,

M. L. Fernald.

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Joliet, Ill. March 6, 1903.

George E. Davenport,
67 Felsway West,
Medford, Mass.

Dear Sir:--

Yours at hand. Many thanks for your kind offer. I will be sure to remind you of it when the season opens. I start tonight for Southern Texas and Arizona and will be gone a month or so. I think some good person should get at *Pellea ternifolia* and *Cheilanthes fendleri* groups. I made a trip out to El Paso and the Huachuaca Mountains last year, but depended too much on my living specimens growing under like conditions, which I hoped would clear up some of the difference. But I cannot promise at this writing that the cultivation of those desert forms will be a success in Illinois.

Yours truly,

Newport Sept. 13th

Dear Mr. Davenport.

I have been away from Cambridge since last April and do not know where Prof. Goodale and Shaler are. My impression is that Prof. Shaler has returned from Europe and is now at Campbell's island.

Many thanks for your kindness

Very truly yours
J. Walter Fiske.

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F. W. FLETCHER, MANAGER

BOSTON, MASS.

Aug 25, 1896

Mr Geo. L. Davenport.

Boston Mass

Dear Sir:-

A few days ago I wrote Prof. J. M. Trelease, St Louis Mo., chairman of the Nomenclature committee of the Society of American Florists, in regard to the confusion now existing in the trade, owing to the lack of a distinctive name for the drooping type of ~~the~~ *Nephrolepis Exaltata*, and suggesting that the committee give it a name.

In his reply, he states that he does not consider that the Nomenclature committee was constituted for the purpose of giving names to new varieties, but that he had referred the matter to you, as a recognized authority on ferns, for a botanical description and name.

I send you herewith a frond of *N. Exaltata* and also a frond of the drooping variety, also

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photographs showing the variations claimed by me. I have spent a great deal of time in investigating the origin of this fern, its history since introduced into commerce, and in studying the variations existing in greenhouses where large quantities of it are grown. The results of such investigation and study, I may summarize as follows:

1. The drooping or pendant variety of *N. Exaltata* is, I am convinced a development of the original variety. My reasons for this belief are (a) That a large percentage of the seedlings from both types of *Exaltata* are of the original or native type of *Neopolepis*, (as it grows wild in its native habitat and valuable for commercial purposes). (b) That I find on investigation that this drooping variety has been developed by different growers from the original type of *N. Exaltata*.
- 2 The variation existing between this developed type and the type usually grown and sold as *N. Exaltata*, is, from a botanist's standpoint, but slight, but from a florist's standpoint it is considerable. These variations may be given as—

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(a) Drooping habit. Even young plants in the propagating bench show a drooping or pendent habit of growth, entirely distinct from the recognized type which grows erect, with fronds slightly drooped near the tips. (b) Longer pinnæ, and showing less serration of edge than the usual type. (c) Spore or seed not so plentiful. This agrees with my theory of a developed type, as it is a law of both the animal and vegetable kingdoms, I believe that the ability of reproduction decreases under artificial conditions or intensive cultivation. Other variations have been pointed out by cultivators of this fern, but on investigation they do not seem to be fixed as characteristics of the type or variety.

? The pressing need of a distinctive name for this the most beautiful of the *Nephrolepis*. I have found it catalogued as *N. Paradisa*, and know of growers who advertise and sell it as *N. racinata*, *N. plumosa*, *N. davallioides* and one grower cape the climax by advertising it as *N. exaltata Davallioides*. The only variety of fern known as *Paradisa* belongs, I believe to an entirely different species, and I would be

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glad if in your reply you would refer to that point. The name by which the fern is generally known to the trade is the "Boston fern"

In conclusion I would say that the interests of both fern growers and fern buyers would seem to demand that an authoritative name be given to this variety. I shall be pleased to accompany you on a trip to some of the growers in this vicinity, if you wish to see more of this fern.

Very truly yours
F. W. Fletcher

623 S. Yakima Ave., Tacoma, Wash.

Jan. 17, 1901.

Mr. Davenport,

Dear Sir:

I see by the Fern Bulletin that you desire authentic Fern List from all localities. I take the liberty of sending you a list from this state. Where there is any doubt I have indicated the same.

In regard to *Polystichum* forms there exists a doubt in my mind whether ours is *P. scopulinum* as Mr. Maxon asserts very positively or whether it is *P. Californicum* as Mr. Clute is inclined to think. These forms seem to run into each other with us. I can select good forms of *P. Californicum* from the largest forms and equally good of *P. scopulinum* from the smaller forms. I shall make a study of these forms next season. Mr. Maxon wrote that he would send you a form of the above.

Yours very truly,
F. B. Flett.

List of Ferns of the State of Washington.

- 1 *Polypodium luperium*, Maxon.
- 2 " *falcatum*, Kellogg.
- 3 " *Scauleri*, H. & G.
- 4 *Gymnopteris triangularis*, (Kaulf.) Underw.
- 6 *Adiantum pedatum*, L.
- 6 *Pteridium aquilinum pubescens*, Underw.
- 7 *Cheilanthes gracillima*, D. G. Eaton.
- 8 *Cryptogramma acrostichoides*, R. Br.
- 9 *Pellaea densa* (Brack.) Hook.
- 10 " *occidentalis*, (A. Nelson) Rydberg.
- 11 *Struthiopteris spicant* (L.) Scop.
- 12 *Woodwardia radicans*, (L.) Sm.
- 13 *Asplenium trichomanes*, L.
- 14 " *viride*, Huds.
- 15 " *Filix-foemina*, (I do not know how many varieties)
- 16 " *Cyclosorum*, Rupr.
- 17 *Phlegopteris phlegopteris* (L.) Underw.
- 18 " *alpestris*, (Hoppe) Mett.
- 19 " *dryopteris* (L.) Fee.
- 20 *Dryopteris montana*, (Vogl.) Ktze (3.)

- 21 *Dryopteris filix-mas*, (L.) Schott.
- 22 " *spinulosa dilatata*, (Hoffm.) Underw.
- 23 *Polystichum louchitii*, (L.) Roth.
- 24 " *minutum*, (Kaulf.) Underw.
- 25 " " *in cis-serratum* D.C. Eaton.
- 26 " " *imbricans*, D.C. Eaton.
- 27 " ("Forms of *aculeatum*")
- 28 *Filix fragilis*, (L.) Underw.
- 29 *Woodsia scopulina*, D.C. Eaton.
- 30 ~~Grise~~ *Oregana*, D.C. Eaton.

J.B. Flett, Tacoma, Wash.

EX. HERBARIUM OF FRED. C. FLOYD.

No. *Aspidium simulatum*, Davenport.

Low dense woods.

Mrs. Georgis Beech Hads.

Contoocook, N. H.

COLL. Sept. 1899. (F. C. F.)

Oriole St. W. Roxbury Jan. 13, 1900

Dear Mr. Davenport,

I enclose a label to accompany the ferns I recently left in your possession and that you so kindly identified for me.

I was very much interested in your remarks about *Aspidium cristatum* x *marginale*. I have searched for this plant many times always unsuccessfully but hope some time to find it yet. If you have a specimen you can spare me I should prize it greatly. I have never seen the fern ~~but~~ hope some day to have the pleasure of examining the specimens you have in cultivation in your garden.

Sincerely,

F. L. Floyd.

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commission of 15%

Yours Respectfully
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11/9/77



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

Geo E. Hawley Jr.
8 Hamilton Place.
Boston Mass.

I have just sent
 you a list of books, you have here
 I should send you the same
 I have some of your books for
 some of the books to the
 others. I have a very nice set of books for
 yourself here but I don't want to
 give them. I have had some of them of course
 most of the parties thinking it was not for
 and most of them I have given away
 my explanation have taken the entire lot
 I hope to see you soon
 I am always your friend
 Yours truly
 A. E. Foote

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C. R. ...
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X
Mr. Geo. E. Davenport

Utica 12/23/05

Dear Sir,

Inclosed please find stamp^s,
for which please send ^{me} a specimen
of *Dicksonia pilosiuscula* var *cristata*
and oblige. I have been a member
of the society for about a year.
I send under another cover
some *Botrychium*, of which
I would very much like to
have your opinion of.
one of which is *B. obliquum* var
Habereri. Gilbert. Clute says it is
B. obliquum var *silaifolium*.
What do you think about it?
I have also a specimen with
two fertile fronds. Dr Haber
and I have seen more living
specimens, than any other
man living. I have compared
them with Mr. Gilbert's specimen
& consider them distinct.
Botrychium are very common
here & any variable here. I have

about five hundred specimens
 in my herbarium. This summer
 I have collected a large number
 of freakish *Polystichum*, they are
 crested forked at the tip, pinnae
 forked, in fact I have about
 a hundred & fifty different
 fronds. Any information
 you can give me, will be
 greatly appreciated. Thanking
 you in advance, I am

Respectfully
 Wm. J. Fox

Wm. J. Fox
 13 Paxton St
 Utica
 N. Y.

✓

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport Utica 2/7/06

Dear Sir

The Dicksonia was received in good condition, many thanks for same, in is very fine. I am very sorry that the ones I sent you got crushed. I send you under another cover fresh specimens which I hope will reach you safely. I have taken the liberty of inclosing specimens of most of the Botrychium that grow here, and some other ferns, on which I would very much like to have your opinion. Other Botrychium that I have, only one specimen, are B. simplex, Blunaria var. onogadenise, B. matricariae, B. ternatum & tenuifolium. Of course I have B. Virginica.

and several forms, - including
one with three fertile fronds.
I would very much like to
get true *B. lunaria*, we'll have
found nobody that has
duplicates. The peculiar
form of *Pteris*, send in
package, grows on the
brow of Frankfort Hill
in full. I have shown
it to Mr. Gilbert, and he
does not know it.

Would have answered your
letter before this, but have
been sick. Hoping to be
favored with a reply.

I am

Respectfully

Wm J. Fox

13 Paxton

Utica

P.S. When do you expect
your paper on *Botrychium*
to appear

Wm J. Fox

No. 8 Elm Street

Worcester, Mass. Dec. 5 1877

Mr. G. E. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

I have been much interested in your Monograph upon *Botrychium Simplex*, and shall look for the ^{first} here, next season.

Are any specimens obtainable by way of exchange? A lady here who is enthusiastically studying our Ferns is so anxious to find a specimen, that I offered to write to ask you.

Hoping that I am not putting you to too much trouble,

I am yours very truly

George E. Francis.

No. 8. Elm Street
Worcester, Mass. Dec. 10th 1877

Mr. L. E. Davenport,

Dear Sir,

You have placed
me under many obligations by
your prompt and very cordial
reply to my inquiries; and
especially by sending the rare
duplicates, as well as the Fern
Lists.

I wish it were now in
my power to do as much for
you; as it is, I can only assure
you that your kindness is heartily
appreciated. As to the present

after Claytonia, I am very glad that it has not faded from your memory; certainly I have a very vivid recollection of the botanical glory of that day, and of your keen delight - which alone was enough to fully repay me for any trouble I had taken.

You ask for a list of Fossils of Wisc. C.; I doubt if there is any extant, on good authority: the County is a very large one, and very varied, and probably would furnish nearly all of the Massachusetts list. My friend Miss Sargent, who will rejoice in the possession of one of the specimens of *Botrychium*, is searching this region very thoroughly; if you wish, she would gladly send a list of what she has found -

I have the great number of Prof. Eaton's *Tracts*, and have obtained a few subscribers here for the work, which is certainly very promising, and much wanted.

I received the Rotamung Case, and feel very
glad that I wrote to you as it came.

By & by, I venture to trouble you again, I am well & have to thank the kind offer of advice, which you have been so kind to

Dear Sir We are very gratefully yours

George C. Trauer-

Anthipteris Americana Willd.
Oreola sensilis L.

Cystopteris fragilis Bernh.

Dicksonia punctatula Kunze.

Lygodium palmatum Swartz.

Pennantia virginica L.

Pennantia Claytoniana L.

Pennantia Canadensis L.

Botrychium lunarioides Swartz.

Botrychium virginicum Swartz.

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No. 8 ELM ST.

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 8. 1878

Mr. Geo. E. Davenport:
Boston,

Dear Sir,

I enclose the list of
local Ferns collected by
Miss Emily W. Sargent;
492 Main St. Worcester.

She considers it very incomplete, but I
am sure, if possible, she will make it
perfect in time, as she is persistent and
very much in earnest.

Yours very truly

Geo. E. Francis-

M. FRIESE, M. D.

OFFICE,

No. 228 N. THIRD STREET,

Harrisburg, Pa., March 13, 1876

Mr. Rev. E. Davenport

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt
of a letter addressed by you to my brother,
W. Friese at Fort Defiance New Mexico.
In reply I have to say - that my brother
died at Ft. Wingate near Defiance,
last September - his remains were brought
to this city for interment with his kindred
who have passed into eternity before him -
he was afflicted with pulmonary disease, which caused
him to seek the climate of New-Mexico
and Arizona - He died in a strange land,
without a friend to watch the spirits flight
to realms unknown? I beg to be excused
my dear Sir - for, betraying evidences
of sadness in heart to an entire
stranger, but the receipt of your letter
brought back to me the painful sorrow
at first experienced on learning of
his death - he was a dear brother to me,
and it is due to my memory to say
that he was a hard student in

M. FRIESE, M. D.

OFFICE,

No. 228 N. THIRD STREET,

Harrisburg, Pa.,

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the world of science - In Chemistry, Botany, Mineralogy, and Geology, especially he was much interested - I have in my possession a considerable collection of plants and flowers, also minerals and fossils collected by him - I am preserving them in respect to his memory, but may at some future time donate them to some individual or institution -

I have not wearied you by this long reply, and wishing for an answer from you at your convenience, I am
 Very truly yours

M. Fries

Somers Lane
5-12-83

Dear Sir

Enclosed

please find 50 £ for copy
of "Farms of N. A." with
supplement

Very Resp
J. R. Fuller

M^r Geo E Davenport

Somers Ch
6-33-83

Dear Sir,

I enclose you a form
of *Botrychium Virginianum* Swartz.
As near as I can judge from "Gray's
Manual". But I am not quite
satisfied as in external appearance they
seem quite distinct. And so I thought
it best to send it you for identification.
Hoping to hear from you soon I remain.

Very Respt
Julius R Fuller.

415 Beacon St

Dec 10th 1901

Dear Mr. Thompson

I was glad to read your article
on the protection of fairs, and feel
that it is a most needed word
and one which you have put most
effectively - do you know
Emerson's little poem of "Each and
all"? It expresses your thought
of the beauty of environment
and points it out in a way
never before forgotten. I am

Reading your paper to a friend
who cares intensely for social
progress and has the profound
reverence for Him and will
appreciate your good work

Most Sincerely J. B.

Wm. D. Fuller

Mr. D.

June 4-
Sunday 1840
My dear Friend,
I am from at home. I am
very ill, I shall be
4 weeks (or was 3 weeks last
thru,) since I was dropped
in a poff and I have across
the Ganges to my brother's at
a Chair, I am improving,
but I can only write to tell you
of it; to say I am Manuscript
is ready for the Sp. office.
O, how glad I am you can
write, hope it will continue!

I anticipate the "photographs"
with pleasure, whatever they
may be. Sometimes I hope
for some of the duplicate
drives - I can make
no more - must lie down -
Regards to all -

Most kindly -
Katie Furbush -

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G. E. D -

N. B. My hand will
not guide a pen - never -
H. F.

How you
have cheer'd
up the family

By your
kindly gift -
I am so much

your reader I
will call Monday morning my
way to my lesson to see if you will
show me at Mrs. L. L. & Phil
on Place Boston to read over, and
look over the "Manuscripts" there
is no place in sitting room at their
house and the bachelors do not get
this, their meals - always before 7.30 -
and often 8.15 afterwards. So I do not
see any other way or place, and we
shall be welcome there, you have been
there before, you know - I do not mean
to go into Boston but once next
week, and I would like to have it to do
the final copying of the manuscript, as I do not
know where to find a place to do it.

donor of *Taygeta frommiana*
(Apple Mouth) for the State Ex-
Station - to be used by them on
the Columbian Ex. Board in
Coll. has 50 feet, and State 100. feet
of ground assigned them for ex-

I mean keep square with the
S. Coll. if I did, I should not
feel justified in taking the time
from my expensive work at my
age. Is it not odd to see ^{ourselves} ~~yourself~~
foiling with as much ^{we} ~~you~~ ^{know} ~~none~~ ^{of} ~~your~~ ^{our} blood will
ever finish? Oh! We only see
the Future by Faith, ^{and} ~~and~~ too largely
by our Ancestors. ^{Only} ~~only~~ we cannot
enjoy what we have begun with us.
We have had a long severe storm.
embracing 3 days. The snow is 10

Handing to you
Beverly, Mass.
Dear Sir Aug. 6 1871
I enclose your note of a plant
recently one can say the
plant was not yet known to
you - I am glad you have
offered to send a specimen to
decide at your house -
Polygonum pennsylvanicum -
Sanguinaria " "
Polemonium canadense - I don't
remember the last syllable
of the last plant - but have
not before - but they are not
common with us - I have only
found 14 new plants since
I was here - Have been sick and
unwell - (Something new for
me - winter's work too hard)
I should like a poem about

October - Not Hobson's. Better
enough for I have it and
I do not bring it. Hobson
has, I cannot recall it. Wife
for her part it at the time.
Must see one spirit it on
the more. Had it given on a boy
spite. Not any more. So large - then
a good sized spirit in the corner.
I have 24 birds. with almost
the same. I got them up Hypocri-
smus, with Hypocriphus in the
pink.

I have the best of
fame for you, which I hope
will reach you softly, when
within. Wife for her part, as
I shall for the local.

From the Sea-Shore - it
is very cold today. we have
a bright fire - and a thick
coat of snow upon outside.

Am happy to hear the
news about the woman -
but it looks doubtful now -
enough to say full health.

Thank you for ever from
and your husband is best.
very soon at such length I will
write to you of your Hobson
and friend.

Kind regards -
G. E. F. -
W. H. only remains here a
few days -
R. F.

Perkins, Thomas

Dear Friend: Good
 night. I think I will go to bed
 now. I have to go to the office
 tomorrow. I have seen the book
 which I mentioned last evening,
 it is a book with the exception of
 a few pages, the pages are all
 magnifying them. I have also
 the Common Book - I want
 to send all these children in
 my region. The things which
 you send me will be a great
 help to me, when you have
 taken care of them
 will you please do me the

form to make the others
less return than to me? One
of each is all I can get
of "your" form, please to be
nothing. Dear, of course, I'll
do as deep. I have sent
a few wh. I found on the
edge of a small coarse fern
heavily fruited wh. I do
not identify in those which
you gave me; and I feel sure
I know found it before.
I'm, quite anxious to know if
I did not write. I know all
the plants wh. I found in P.
to Mount, yet, and it is al-
most time for the woods again.
but I have been sick all
winter, probably the result
of picking Oseba on Pelion,
Three weeks in Chicago

was too much after my her-
culean efforts in the summer.
I think I have rec'd. all
of your forms, and I appear
to be. When full.

I am very glad to hear
and that the ferns may con-
vince the many attention. I
should have kept them
back, but for your sort
of the fern ones.

I am discouraged
about my health for the summer.

This is a gloomily note,
but I have been up to my
eyes the past two weeks in
sprinkles, paper and all the
things and out of 3 weeks -
Worst Nightly -

Yours friend,
G.T.D. -
Katie Plunkh-



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South Poland, Me. Aug. 6, 1895.

My dear Friend,

Mr. Davenport, It is
long since I wrote to you. Someone
has written me that you are "very
poorly" - but our good friend Mrs.
Woolcott who has been here a fortnight,
thinks you look as well as you have
for many years. There is the some dif-
ference in opinion about my health
and looks - and I am in wretched
health all the time. Since you and
I met your admiring friend Miss
Jackson has passed behind the
veil which draped death and
conceals our friends from view - O,
the mystery!! I have been here

since June 4th, I have been away
a week in all at three different
times. I am prompted just now
to write you for a form, I have
gathered an unusual (to me,)
form of ^{osmunda} *Osmunda regalis*, I think
it will interest you, if you have not
seen the fern before. If you have
not, will you please to tell me if it
is anything worthy of mention?

I often think of you and
wonder if you have been to Indian
Point this year.

Remember me to
your family, please,
and believe me
the same friend,
Kate Furbish.

T
G. E. D. Batorisk.

shall remain here -
K. F.

Wells, Maine -

Sept. 10 - '98.

My dear Friend;

Will you please to give me
the name of this Fern? The gener-
ic name, at least?

It was sent from South-Amer-
ica, and its owner is desirous to
obtain some name for it.

I am ill, I have not seen much
comfort since I left Boston, and
see no probability of it. I have
consulted our physician twice

with
no good results—

I have not heard from the
Convention, save a line from
Mr. W. about "Mushrooms."

I enjoyed the little which I said
of my friend Mr. D—

It is now 6 o'clock A.M.,
and breakfast is ready. If you
recognize the Fern, it will prove
me greatly to know what it is, as
I suppose the "Rev." wants to add
it to the other "leaves" which his
Missionary-Sister—has sent
him named—

Mostly but friendly—
Kate Furber—

Please give my love to the family.
I do not know how much longer I

V
Brunswick, Maine.

Oct. 26th 1900.

My dear Friend,

I am not in your debt; but I would a little from you, Can you get a few moments soon, to take lead-pencil and paper, and write me a tiny concise account of what you told me once in detail about your observations in Middlesex-Fells, of the abandon with which the Italians gathered all sorts of "Mushrooms," I wish to

use your name in a Paper
which I am preparing now
to read before the Saturday-
Club of Bkⁿ ^{250 Members} Dec. first Sat.
I am in wretchedly poor
health at present.

Mostly and appre-
ciatively,

Kate Furbish -
Ryndsohl -
To

Mr. G. E. D. Bostonist -

N. B. - I was heartily glad to
see your work mentioned in
the Rhodra; for now you will
be sure to put it out -

K. F.

cercly your friend,
Kate Furbish,

To Geo. E. Davenport

October sixth Nineteen hundred and
one,

Brunswick, Maine.

Dear Friend;

I know that I offer my
humble apology to one who
will lend a forgiving ear, or I
should hardly dare to venture it
has been so long since I rec'd the
Pamphlet and photographs,
They are the only good pictures
which I ever saw of you, and

it must not only be a satisfaction to you but to your family as well, I also think you deserve all and more than was said of you. It was very well rounded too.

I hope you will be able to keep on with your fern-work and find your last days your best ~~work~~. I have felt badly all summer, though considering the number of guests which I have had, I have accomplished considerable in Botany. I have a cousin with me now who has

been here since the last week in August - as we were school children when she was lost in Brunswick thus has been the death and life of a generation in the town since her visit. Well, ^{besides} ~~out of~~ ¹ your family there were only two ^{to} great her. She is a fine woman and a blessing to me in many ways -

Please keep me posted in the progress which you make in your work from time to time, and with kind regards to your family, believe me sin-

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Brunswick, Maine.
Mr. G. E. Davenport;

My dear Friend -

Sometimes when
you have visited Lake Ma-
ranacook, Me - you write
me that you would gladly
add to my "Davenport Collec-
tion" of ferns the new ones
which you discovered there,
I have been thinking a good
deal about it of late, and as

This seems to be a botanical
afternoon, I will add to
notes which I have written
asking questions, I mean on-
sweeing notes which people
have written me asking ques-
tions, it occurred to me to finish
the day by asking a few my-
self - I've been looking over
your Fauna, and to my joy they
are free from insects, not one
eaten in any form -

I am driven almost to des-
peration with work, and my
health was never poorer.
I do hope that you are more
comfortable than when I saw

you last, My kind regards to
all at home -

I always think of you with
gratitude for the benefit
which you have been to me, and
I hope to see you again in life
ebbs out -

We do not feel as much con-
rage now - a - days - Do we?

Kindly yours -

Kate Furbish -

To
Mr. G. E. Davenport -
Botanist.

June 5th 1865 -

Botrychium virginianum.



1.

My dear Friend;

I find a pleasant excuse
for writing to you in this form. I wish
to ask if it is a common occurrence
for this Fern to produce two well
developed sterile fronds. One of
them, or the one from the ground
has turned yellow, while the other
is fresh - they are of the same size
and about as long as broad. Five

2.

never met with this form before.
I suppose that the sterile frond
which divides the stem with the
fertile to be the abnormal one -
Am I correct?

Have you been comfortable for you
this Summer?

I have been in poor health
all Summer, just I had a
lung bad seizure with *Brachitis*.
then - I have had the lung dry
with the Summer troubles.
We have had a short cool Summer
only five scattered days of heat -
and no thunder storms which
cooled their rage, so we have
nothing to complain of but the
seeming shortness. I love the

3.
Long days better than these.

Please remember me
to your family—

Your old botanical
friend—
Kate Furbish,
15 Lincoln St.;

To G. E. Donovan—
Fern specialist.